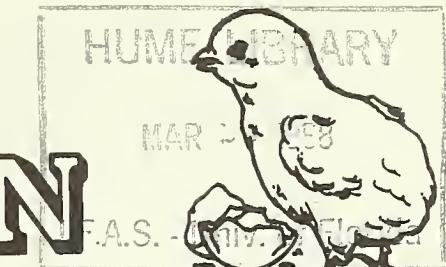


HATCHERY PRODUCTION

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Chick Production

Hatcheries produced 262 million chicks during January 1968, about the same as a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number of broiler-type chicks hatched totaled 229 million, an increase of 3 percent from January 1967. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1 were down 3 percent from a year earlier.

The number of egg-type chicks hatched during January is estimated at 33.5 million, a decrease of 18 percent from a year earlier. All regions recorded decreases as follows: North Atlantic and South Central, 22 percent; South Atlantic, 20 percent; West, 14 percent; and North Central, 13 percent. The number of egg-type eggs in incubators on February 1, was down 22 percent from a year earlier.

Poult Production

Poult production of all breeds during January totaled 5,102,000, down 39 percent from the January 1967 hatch of 8,415,000 poults. This is the third consecutive month that the poult hatch has been below the corresponding month a year earlier. The hatch of heavy breed poults during January was 4,277,000, down 42 percent from a year earlier. Light breeds totaled 825,000, down 19 percent. The number of heavy breed turkey eggs in incubators on February 1 was down 35 percent from a year earlier, and the number of light breed eggs in incubators was down 33 percent. Total eggs in incubators for all breeds were down 35 percent.

Broiler and egg-type chicks hatched by commercial
hatcheries, United States

Month and year	Number chicks hatched		
	Broiler type	Egg type	Total
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
January 1967	221,484	40,579	262,063
December 1967	211,774	26,851	238,625
January 1968	229,018	33,458	262,476
	Percent	Percent	Percent
January 1968 as per- cent of January 1967	103	82	100

Chicken eggs in incubators February 1, 1968

Geographic division	February 1, 1968 as a percent of February 1, 1967		
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	Total eggs
	Percent	Percent	Percent
North Atlantic	97	68	86
East North Central	78	85	83
West North Central	73	81	79
South Atlantic	98	71	95
South Central	99	76	97
West	90	86	88
48 States	97	78	94
United States <u>1/</u>	97	78	94

1/ Includes Hawaii.

Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries, United States

Month and year	Total breeds		
	Heavy	Light	All
	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
January 1967	7,394	1,021	8,415
December 1967	2,461	861	3,322
January 1968	4,277	825	5,102
January 1968 as percent of January 1967	58	81	61

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubator

Geographic division	Total breeds 1/					
	Heavy breeds		Light breeds		All breeds	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Poults hatched during January	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
North Atlantic	34	8	0	2	34	10
East North Central	287	224	105	70	392	294
West North Central	2,149	1,182	516	374	2,665	1,556
South Atlantic	850	971	309	205	1,159	1,176
South Central	1,468	863	0	15	1,468	878
West	2,606	1,029	91	159	2,697	1,188
United States	7,394	4,277	1,021	825	8,415	5,102
Turkey eggs in incubator February 1	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>	<u>Thou.</u>
North Atlantic	149	99	0	3	149	102
East North Central	1,484	995	223	80	1,707	1,075
West North Central	6,820	4,786	589	556	7,409	5,342
South Atlantic	2,082	1,789	724	323	2,806	2,112
South Central	3,126	2,062	0	27	3,126	2,089
West	6,320	3,214	153	146	6,473	3,360
United States	19,981	12,945	1,689	1,135	21,670	14,080
	<u>Percent</u>		<u>Percent</u>		<u>Percent</u>	
February 1968 as percent of February 1967 U. S.		65		67		65

1/ Heavy breeds include Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, crosses between heavy and light breeds, bronze and other heavy breeds. Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, and wild turkeys.

Broiler and egg-type chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	During January			
	Broiler-type		Egg-type	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine	6,470	6,175	420	421
N. H.	588	490	285	128
Vt.	0	0	42	10
Mass. & R. I. 1/	776	698	803	532
Conn.	1,257	996	338	342
N. Y.	2/	2/	1,750	1,600
N. J.	2/	2/	485	300
Pa.	3,909	4,975	1,923	1,363
N. A.	2/13,102	2/13,432	6,046	4,696
Ohio	600	500	1,300	1,300
Ind.	2,110	1,429	2,525	2,090
Ill.	18	1	1,176	1,024
Mich.	3/	3/	1,050	750
Wis.	1,120	1,135	460	310
Minn.	737	794	1,063	959
Iowa	20	130	1,200	1,460
Mo.	2,090	1,033	656	502
N. Dak.	3/	3/	10	0
S. Dak.	3/	3/	240	200
Nebr.	34	20	350	300
Kans.	3	0	500	290
N. C.	3/7,136	3/5,051	10,530	9,185
Del.	8,057	8,555	5/	5/
Md.	15,074	16,468	5/	5/
Va.	4,627	5,234	402	312
W. Va.	487	373	5/	5/
N. C.	22,115	22,650	763	598
S. C.	1,357	1,375	637	285
Ga.	42,397	41,419	2,918	2,289
Fla.	2,458	3,608	2,668	2,414
S. A.	96,572	99,682	5/7,483	5/5,980
Ky.	6/	6/	250	188
Tenn.	3,356	2,541	700	453
Ala.	27,222	29,926	1,181	900
Miss.	13,827	16,706	1,359	1,181
Ark.	32,600	33,215	1,759	1,872
La.	3,599	3,720	227	216
Okla.	6/	6/	174	140
Texas	13,274	14,763	2,745	1,608
S. C.	6/94,303	6/101,128	8,395	6,558
Idaho	458	502	56	53
Colo.	9	6	179	153
Utah	127	132	100	135
Wash.	2,089	1,864	1,053	775
Oreg.	1,276	1,290	283	167
Calif.	6,324	5,873	6,208	5,424
West.	7/10,298	7/9,667	7/8,102	7/6,992
48 States	221,411	228,960	40,556	33,411
Hawaii	73	58	23	47
U. S.	221,484	229,018	40,579	33,458

1/ Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

2/ North Atlantic total includes New York and New Jersey to avoid disclosing individual operations.

3/ North Central total includes Michigan, North and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

4/ North Central total includes North Dakota and South Dakota to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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Total chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division	During January		
	Average 1962-66	1967	1968
	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>	<u>Thousands</u>
Maine	5,955	6,890	6,596
N. H.	1,049	873	618
Vt.	35	42	10
Mass. & R. I. <u>1/</u>	1,563	1,579	1,230
Conn.	2,155	1,595	1,338
N. Y.	1,528	2/	2/
N. J.	812	2/	2/
Pa.	6,162	5,832	6,338
N. A.	19,258	2/19,148	2/18,128
Ohio	2,002	1,900	1,800
Ind.	4,212	4,635	3,519
Ill.	1,091	1,194	1,025
Mich.	1,282	3/	3/
Wis.	1,165	1,580	1,445
Minn.	1,536	1,800	1,753
Iowa	891	1,220	1,590
Mo.	4,647	2,746	1,535
N. Dak.	4/	3/	3/
S. Dak.	4/	3/	3/
Nebr.	392	384	320
Kans.	381	503	290
N. C.	4/8,039	3/17,666	3/14,236
Del.	5/	5/	5/
Md.	5/	5/	5/
Va.	5,911	5,029	5,546
W. Va.	5/	5/	5/
N. C.	19,432	22,878	23,248
S. C.	1,993	1,994	1,660
Ga.	35,652	45,315	43,708
Fla.	3,140	5,126	6,022
S. A.	5/86,655	5/104,055	5/105,662
Ky.	488	6/	6/
Tenn.	3,874	4,056	2,994
Ala.	21,483	28,403	30,826
Miss.	13,834	15,186	17,887
Ark.	24,781	34,359	35,087
La.	2,601	3,826	3,936
Okla.	774	6/	6/
Texas	13,284	16,019	16,371
S. C.	81,120	6/102,698	6/107,686
Idaho	447	514	555
Colo.	152	188	159
Utah	289	227	267
Wash.	2,381	3,142	2,639
Oreg.	1,262	1,559	1,457
Calif.	11,398	12,532	11,297
West.	7/16,141	7/18,400	7/16,659
48 States	220,965	261,967	262,371
Hawaii	194	96	105
U. S.	221,159	262,063	262,476

5/ South Atlantic total includes Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia to avoid disclosing individual operations.

6/ South Central total includes Kentucky and Oklahoma to avoid disclosing individual operations.

1/ West total includes Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and Nevada to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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